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1. PROBLEM FACING STA IS TO CONVINCE OF SOUNDNESS AND FEASIBILITY OF CONCEPT (WHICH ESSENTIALLY DESTRUCTIVE) AND DISSUADE THEM FROM POSITING LOGICAL ALTERNATIVES TO ALLENDE VICTORY. FIND IMPERATIVES GUIDING OUR APPROACH, OF SAYING "A" BUT SKIPPING "B," DIFFICULT TO SQUARE WITH REALITIES OF CHILEAN SITUATION. SINCE ALESSANDRI AS ALTERNATIVE TO COMMUNIST TAKEOVER CONSIDERED UNSPEAKABLE, STATION-GENERATED PROPAGANDA PRODUCT HAS TO BE PAINSTAKINGLY PURGED OF EVEN SLIGHTEST HINT THAT VOTE FOR ALESSANDRI (AND TOMIC TO LESSER EXTENT) IS VOTE AGAINST ALLENDE.

DEGREE OF ENTHUSIASM, FAVOR ALESSANDRI. POLICING THEIR PRODUCT, THEREFORE, IS MAJOR STATION RESPONSIBILITY.

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